



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Because of widespread interest and ideas regarding Indiana's property tax system, the General Assembly encourages citizens to submit testimony electronically from the convenience of home, workplace or school at:

[PropertyTaxReform.in.gov](http://PropertyTaxReform.in.gov)

## Statehouse:

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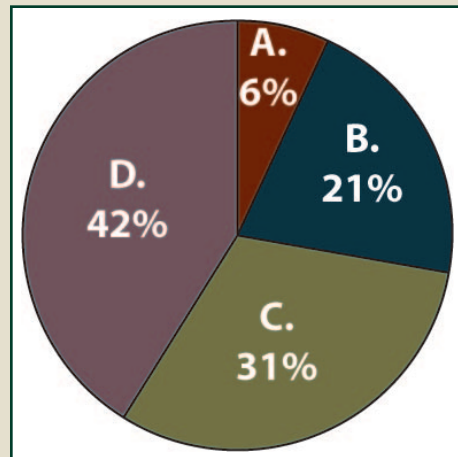
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## 2008 Property Tax Survey Results

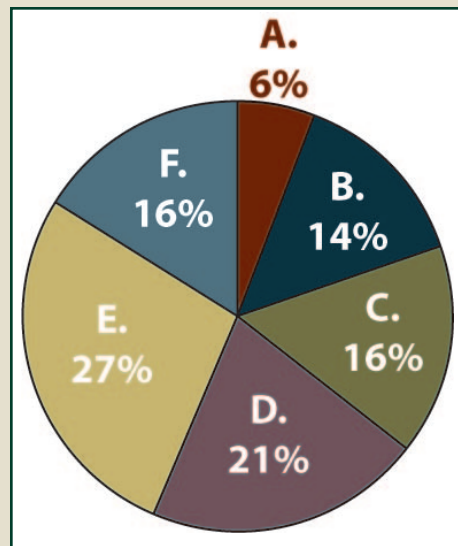
**1. Property taxes currently fund public K-12 schools, fire, police, libraries, city, town, township and county governments. Marking all that apply, which of the following statements represent your views?**

- A. Local government funding should be preserved as it is.
- B. Local government funding should be cut.
- C. Future growth in local government spending should be limited to the rate of inflation.
- D. Alternative revenues other than property taxes should be used to fund local government.



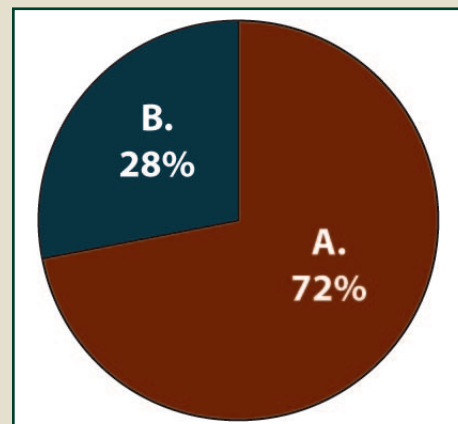
**2. Marking the most correct response, which of the following property tax proposals most closely reflects your view?**

- A. Raise income taxes from 3.4% to 9% to completely eliminate property taxes.
- B. Raise sales taxes from 6% to 13.2% to completely eliminate property taxes.
- C. Raise income taxes from 3.4% to 6% and sales taxes from 6% to 9.5% to completely eliminate property taxes.
- D. Raise sales taxes from 6% to 7% to permanently cut property taxes on owner-occupied homes by a statewide average of 38%.
- E. Raise sales taxes by up to 1% and local option income taxes by an average of 0.6% to 0.7% to permanently cut property taxes on owner-occupied homes by a statewide average of 50%.
- F. None of the above/Undecided.



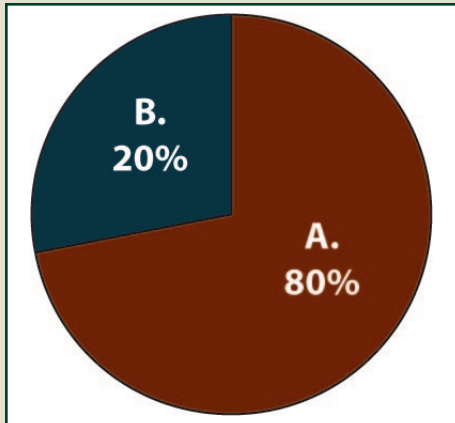
**3. Would you support or oppose a bill that would permanently cap property taxes on your home's value? (Examples: a 1% permanent cap on a \$100,000 owner-occupied home would mean property taxes on this residence could not exceed \$1,000 annually; a 1.5 % cap would be \$1,500; and a 2% cap would be \$2,000.)**

- A. Support B. Oppose



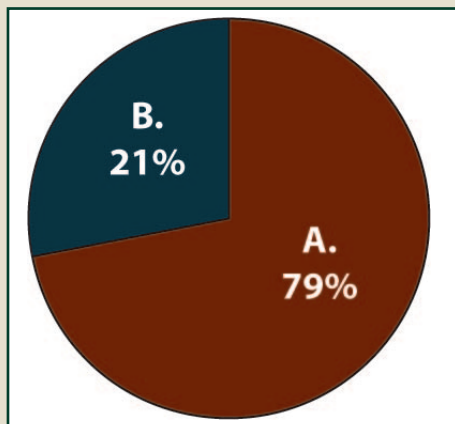
4. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment making a property tax cap permanent?

A. Support B. Oppose



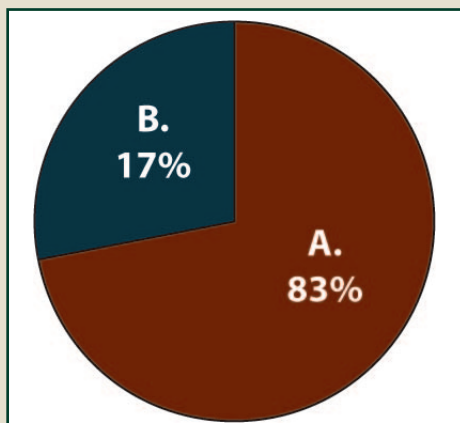
5. Would you support or oppose a bill that would shift remaining school operating costs and child welfare costs from property taxes to the state budget?

A. Support B. Oppose



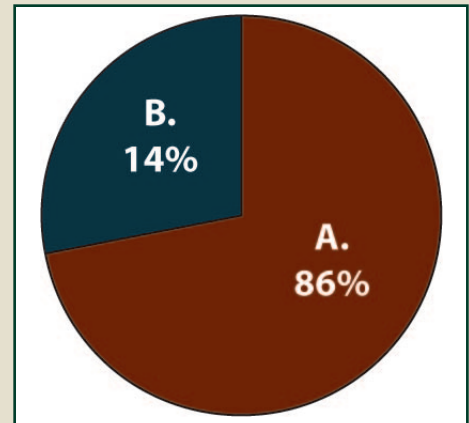
6. Would you support or oppose a bill that would require standardized school construction plans to save tax dollars on architectural plans and construction?

A. Support B. Oppose



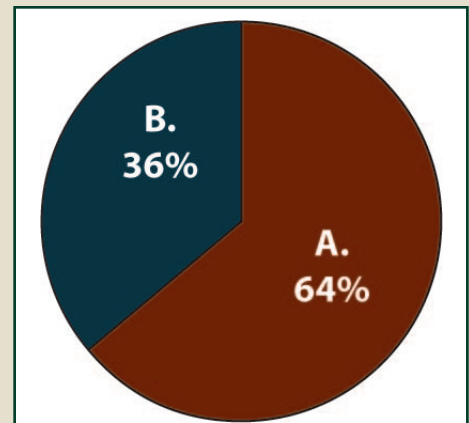
7. Would you support or oppose a bill that would combine duties and create one assessor per county?

A. Support B. Oppose

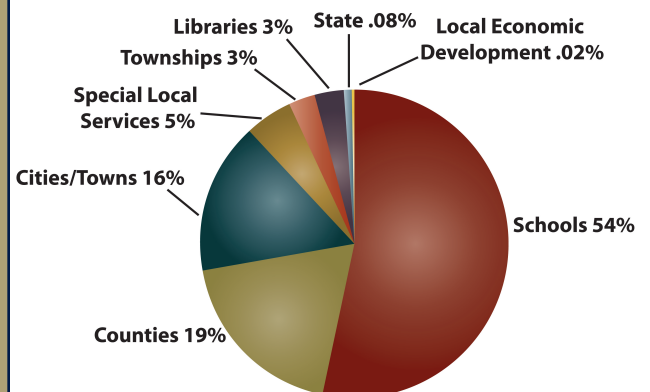


8. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment permanently protecting the tax-exempt status of churches?

A. Support B. Oppose



### Where Do Indiana Property Tax Dollars Go?



STATEWIDE AVERAGE REVENUE DISTRIBUTION  
Source: 2006 Data - Indiana DLGF Local Government Database